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TIDINGS

A weekly newsletter for all active members of Temple Baptist Church

The Pastor's Perspective

Dr. Reggie Bridges

It is hard to believe that our summer is quickly coming to an end—especially since the oppressive heat remains! Yet, August is almost in sight; and soon, students and teachers will be returning to school. (Educators, sorry I had to mention that!) **From my perspective, this summer has been a memorable season of ministry and mission. In virtually every area of Temple Baptist Church, we have witnessed God's incredible presence and power.** Take missions for example. We have trekked across the globe in an effort to share the gospel of Christ. From Miami to the Pacific Rim, from Calgary to Mexico, from New York to South Asia, from Boston to France, from New Orleans to Australia, from Salt Lake City to Boston (again), our short-term teams ministered and proclaimed the good news. (And those don't count our Montana and Honduras teams that are about to happen!) Of course, this slate of activities doesn't include all our students who served as camp counselors and ministers throughout the nation.

Moreover, we have continued the Lord's work right here in Ruston. We have gathered to celebrate and worship. We have seen baptisms and faith decisions throughout our worship services here on the Temple campus and at The Springs! We have worked together and experienced authentic fellowship. We have reached out to our community through events like the LoveLincoln FreedomFest, Vacation Bible School, and WinShape. In other words, there has been no summer vacation for the Temple family. We have been about His business!

I point out this reality not to brag but to express thanks. First, I am grateful that God allows us to experience such work and blessing. Without His invitation to join Him, we would be left to

fend for ourselves. Second, I am appreciative of a leadership team that communicates both vision and determination. Our leadership staff is truly committed to seeing every member *growing in Christ, connecting in community, and engaging in mission*. Third, I am thankful for the hands and feet that move the ministry. There are literally hundreds of volunteers who cook, teach, sing, and serve in various capacities. This selfless army enables us to fulfill God's agenda and empowers us to reach for new heights. Indeed, there is no family like the Temple family when it comes to the giving of time and energy for the kingdom's sake.

But my friends, we should not be satisfied! We should continue to reach forward to those things that are ahead (Philippians 3:13c). Every ounce of our strength should be concentrated on knowing Christ in our daily walk and making Him known to others. Let's pray and work to that end!

I would ask you to mark your calendars for **August 8** which is the upcoming ReGroup conference. Sponsored by the Louisiana Baptist Convention, the event brings together individuals who want to be better equipped to make disciples of others. Whether you lead a Life Group or some other small group ministry, I encourage you to attend. It will be a great morning as we prepare for a fall of ministry!

Yes, the 2026 summer is coming to an end, but its activities will have a long-lasting impact. Lives have been changed, ministry has been accomplished, the church has been strengthened, and Christ has been exalted. Thanks again to those of you who have contributed to this effort. May God continue to use us all as we serve together in the coming months! I really do believe that our best days are ahead! See you Sunday!

Minister of Preschool and Children

Sally Hearn

What an amazing summer it has been in Children's Ministry! From VBS, WinShape Camp, Tiny Trekker Summer Camps, Wednesday Night Summer Suntuastic, and Sunday morning Worship and Bible Study, I love to see children learning about Jesus and growing in their walk with Him. It truly is a privilege to serve in this great church! Thank you to everyone who had a part in making these events happen!

We had a wonderful week at WinShape Camp. Three children made professions of faith, several are asking more questions and are very close to following Jesus, many seeds were planted, and children strengthened their walk with Christ through camp. Thank you church family for providing scholarships for children who would not have been able to attend without your generous gifts. It was such a blessing to those families. Thank you to the volunteers who served during the week. We couldn't do camp without you. To those who did laundry, hosted the team for meals, and provided snacks for the week, thank you so much for making the team feel loved and appreciated. I am so blessed to have such a wonderful team who serve and lead in the Journey Place. Thank you to all of you for giving 2nd Mile Service and going above and beyond for His glory! It was a great week!

Back to School Week of Prayer will be held **August 3 - 8 from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. in the Chapel**. This is a time for us to pray for our administrators, facility, parents, and students as we begin a new school year. This is a come and go event with guided prayer stations. You may sign up for a time slot at events.temple.life or call the Church Office and Blayre can sign you up.

Promotion Sunday will be August 16. Children will receive a postcard in the mail with their new room assignment. Parents, if your child is not moving to the next grade or if your Life Group hour is changing, please let us know so we can make sure they are in the correct class.

Wednesday, August 19, we will kick off our Wednesday night activities. As we look to our church-wide celebration in November, our kick off event will be a 100th Anniversary Birthday Celebration. More details coming soon on this event!

M3 will begin on Wednesday, August 26.

As we begin a new school year, we have several ways for you to serve in Children's Ministry. If you have a heart for reaching the next generation and are looking for a way to serve at Temple, Sarah or I would love to talk with you! You can call the Church Office or email us at sally@temple.life or sarah@temple.life.

Mark your calendars for summer 2027: VBS June 7-11 and WinShape Camp July 12-16.



**SENIOR
ADULT
BIBLE STUDY**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16 | 6 P.M.
MONDAY, AUGUST 17 - WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19 | 9:30 A.M.

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CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

SAVE THE DATE

Come join us for a weekend of celebrating our Centennial Year!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Sunday Morning we will have our normal Sunday Schedule
and Saturday will be a come and go time of fellowship!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 | 2 - 5 P.M.
FELLOWSHIP HALL

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Welcome to the Family!



Matt and Emerald Price
(Statement)
Also pictured: Holden & Kenzie



Grayson Alexander
(Baptism)



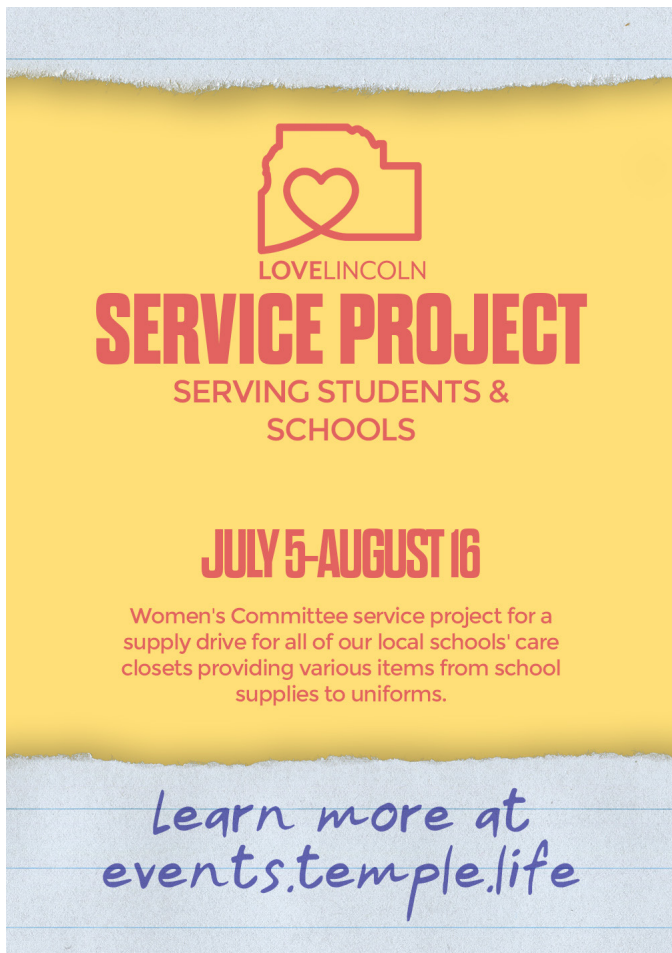
the family of **Curtis Tubbs**,
husband of Jaquatta.

the family of **Jerry Whitman**.



Executive Pastor **Jason Walsworth**

We have two big events coming up that I ask for you to pray about with us over the next couple of weeks! First, I am leading our Montana GO Team next week to do ministry with two churches, Bighorn Baptist Church in Fort Smith and Hardin Baptist Church in Hardin. We have a team of sixteen going up – some by car and some by plane – so pray for safe travel and fruitful ministry. We will host a Louisiana Night outreach in Fort Smith on Monday night and expect the entire town to show up. We will cook some good Louisiana food to share and hopefully have many Gospel conversations. The rest of the week we will help both churches with their VBS, so please pray for us and for them as we share the good news with kids and their families. On Saturday, August 8, we are hosting the Louisiana Baptist ReGroup conference, and we want you to attend! This is a discipleship-focused conference that anyone can attend. Dr. Reggie is the keynote speaker, and Firm Foundation will lead us in worship that morning. There are a host of great breakout sessions, and the conference is only from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. We are also recruiting volunteers to serve that morning as well; if you are willing to greet or serve, please let me know and we will put you to work somewhere that morning!



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Week-at-a-Glance

July 25-31 - Montana GO Team Mission Trip
July 28-30 - Tiny Trekkers Summer Camp (JP)

Sunday, July 26

9 a.m. - Blended Worship (Sanctuary); livestream at *live.temple.life*;
 Contemporary Worship (GS); Life Groups for all ages
 10:30 a.m. - Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary); livestream at
live.temple.life; Life Groups for all ages
 3 p.m. - The Springs Worship Service (The Springs)
 5:30 p.m. - The Chapel (Connections Corner/Chapel)

Monday, July 27

6:30 p.m. - College Evangelism Study (Rm 216)

Tuesday, July 28

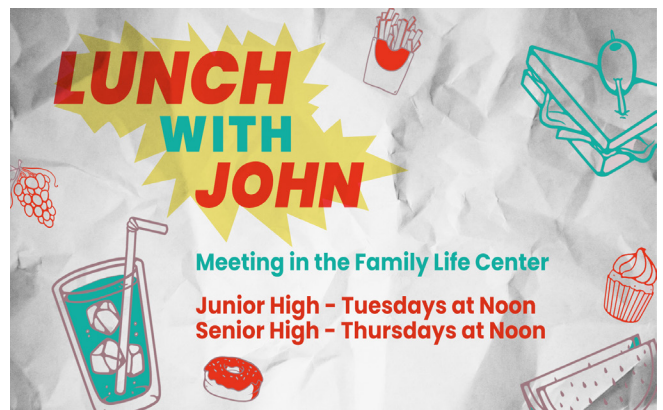
9:30 a.m. - Senior Adult Ladies Bible Study (Rm 216)
 12 p.m. - Jr. High Lunch with John (Youth Rm)

Wednesday, July 29

5 p.m. - Family Night Meal (FH; Cost: \$5/person, \$3/child under 8,
 \$15 max/family; Menu: Grilled Chicken Breast); College Summer
 Bible Study (Rm 216)
 5:30 p.m. - Women's Bible Study (Rm 270)
 5:45 p.m. - Men's Bible Study (Rm 264); Women's Bible Study (Rm 275);
 Junior High Worship (Youth Rm)
 6 p.m. - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study (FH); Children's Summer
 Sontastics (JP); Coed Bible Study (FLC Glass Classroom)
 7 p.m. - High School Worship (Youth Rm); Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
 (Choir Rm)

Thursday, July 30

12 p.m. - High School Lunch with John (Youth Rm)



Broadcast Hours: Sundays: 9 a.m. Channel 11 (KAQY); 9 and 10:30 a.m. livestream (*live.temple.life*)
Family Life Center Hours: Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday: 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
The Journey Place Playscape Hours: Monday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Tuesday-Thursday 2:30-4 p.m.